

# AMDD CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY BUREAU UPDATES

## **September is Recovery Month**

In its 25th year, **Recovery Month** promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders. This year's theme, "**Join the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out,**" encourages people to openly speak up about mental and substance use disorders and the reality of recovery, and promotes ways individuals can use to recognize behavioral health issues and reach out for help. **Recovery Month** spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover.

The Chemical Dependency Bureau has several new staff members. Listed below is information about staff and roles within the Bureau and contact information.

**"BOBBI PERKINS - BUREAU CHIEF - (406) 444-6981, [BPerkins@mt.gov](mailto:BPerkins@mt.gov)**, Core Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Bobbi joined the Chemical Dependency Bureau in July as the Bureau Chief and came from the Department of Public Health as the previous Injury Prevention Program Manager. She was involved with efforts and partnerships to reduce impaired driving, reduce prescription drug misuse and implement screening (brief intervention), and refer to treatment in the clinical settings. Bobbi is looking forward to working with providers and professionals in the substance use field and invites anyone to call her with ideas or suggestions on how we can support efforts at a state and local level.

**JACKIE JANDT - PROGRAM PLANNING AND OUTCOME OFFICER - (406) 444-9656, [jjandt@mt.gov](mailto:jjandt@mt.gov)**, Core Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. This Program Planning and Outcome Officer has primary responsibility for planning, coordinating and ensuring effective implementation of all aspects of a statewide plan for publicly funded, community-based chemical dependency treatment and prevention services. Duties include developing and administering statewide chemical dependency programs; overseeing the implementation of programs and services; and performing various other duties as assigned. Manages reimbursement of Chemical Dependency services under Medicaid, federal block grant funding and other federal grants to ensure services are delivered and reimbursed consistently with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. This position ensures communication, coordination, and consistency with regards to program and policy between the Program Administration, other program officers and department/division policy and administrative rules, state statutes, federal requirements or best practices.

**RONA MCOMBER - DATA SPECIALIST** - (406) 496-4993, [rmcomber@mt.gov](mailto:rmcomber@mt.gov), Core Hours: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The purpose of the Data Specialist is to develop data reports for monitoring and compliance from the Bureau's data systems. The data reports will be developed, implemented and monitored to ensure prevention and treatment program data is of the highest standard. The reports will support the Division, other state and federal agencies and community programs with alcohol and drug abuse data for contract compliance, new grants and other applications.

**CASEY PECK - PREVENTION PROGRAM OFFICER** - (406) 444-3964, [CPeck@mt.gov](mailto:CPeck@mt.gov), Core Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Will oversee the Partnership For Success Grant for the next five years. The Partnership For Success (Partnership) Grant will address prevention of underage drinking (12- 20 year olds); and misuse/abuse of prescription drugs by youth (12-25 year olds). Through the use of the Strategic Prevention Framework, Montana will implement a two tier approach to address the two priorities. Tier One will implement two evidence based programs in all 56 counties/7 Reservations (with Tribal approval). The evidence based programs will be Alcohol Compliance Checks and Alcohol Reward and Reminder Educational programming; and develop a youth and parent social media forum to address the prevention of alcohol and other drug use. Tier two will fund community efforts of the 23 identified high need communities (with community being defined as a minimum land mass of a county or reservation) to utilize the five step Strategic Prevention Framework process to develop a data driven, comprehensive, coordinated, and sustainable prevention plan to implement research-based or evidence-based environmental strategies addressing underage drinking (ages 12-20) and misuse/abuse of prescription drugs (ages 12-25) in their community.

**JOY LANGSTAFF - DATA MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAM MONITORING OFFICER** - (406) 444-9635, [JLangstaff@mt.gov](mailto:JLangstaff@mt.gov), Core Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The Data Management and Program Monitoring Officer has primary responsibility for the design, implementation and monitoring of state and community data systems to ensure measurable impact on the overall success of Montana's effort to address the social and individual consequences related to alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) abuse. Duties include managing, trouble-shooting, and testing of data in the Substance Abuse Management System (SAMS); developing, maintaining, and providing system reports to a variety of groups and individuals; identifying, developing and implementing program evaluation methodology for grants and contracts; developing and providing training to providers; and maintaining working relationships with local programs, other state agencies, Federal agencies and various State and Federal contracts.

**VACANT - CONTINUUM OF CARE COORDINATOR.** The Clinical Continuum of Care Coordinator has primary responsibility within the Chemical Dependency Bureau for providing clinical guidance and implementation of an inpatient/residential management system that is responsive to the inherent challenges of managing clients moving between various elements of the system of care. This position ensures a continuum of care is provided to those clients who receive Inpatient and Residential services through the Bureau, builds communication, coordination and service delivery systems to support the continuum of care and provides clinical eligibility and medical necessity review for all services within the Bureau.

**CURTIS WEILER – PROGRAM OFFICER - (406) 444-7926, [CWeiler@mt.gov](mailto:CWeiler@mt.gov)** , Core Hours: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The Program Officer identifies, develops, and implements contracts with service providers and contractors providing substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs. Responsibilities include: 1) Conducts on-site visits and monitors treatment and prevention services; 2) Identifies, develops, and implements strategies within the substance abuse treatment and prevention contracts to assure outcome measures meet state and federal performance standards; and 3) Assists in the development of integrated programs and projects with other federal, state, and local or community agencies.

**ISAAC COY – PROGRAM OFFICER - (406) 444-7922, [ICoy@mt.gov](mailto:ICoy@mt.gov)** , Core Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The Program Officer identifies, develops, and implements contracts with service providers and contractors providing substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs. Responsibilities include: 1) Conducts on-site visits and monitors treatment and prevention services; 2) Identifies, develops, and implements strategies within the substance abuse treatment and prevention contracts to assure outcome measures meet state and federal performance standards; and 3) Assists in the development of integrated programs and projects with other federal, state, and local or community agencies.

**HOLLY MOOK - PROGRAM OFFICER - (406) 444-1202, [HMook@mt.gov](mailto:HMook@mt.gov)** , Core Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Holly is tasked with identifying, developing, and implementing contracts with service providers and contractors providing substance use treatment programs. Conducts on-site visits, monitors treatment services, assures outcome measures meet state and federal standards, updates the provider manual, attends Local Advisory Councils and reports back to the Bureau community concerns and needs. As a Licensed Addiction Counselor and Certified Mental Health First Aid trainer, will be training communities on Mental Health First Aid and how to assist people in connecting with appropriate services. Her goal is to continue looking at the continuum of care for the people of Montana.